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## Protecting Good Vision In Our Children



*Vision Savers Program Coordinator Austin Miller indulges in a photo opportunity with Brownies Amber Meyers, Brittany Milbourne and Jr. Girl Scout Amanda Milbourne at September's fundraising dinner. The girls helped Austin demonstrate the equipment and benefited themselves from the screening.*

*Photos by Lori Deacon*

**by Lori Deacon**

Spaghetti for 400 is the recipe used by the Key Peninsula's Lions Club at their recent fundraising event. The Civic Center provides the perfect accommodations for this type of evening, with its commercial kitchen and gym-sized dining room.

There was an excellent turnout by the community, with proceeds going to the Lions' Vision Savers Program. This program centers around the Lions' recent purchase of their vision-scanning camera, used for early detection of vision problems in children that can be corrected while they are young. For more information, contact program coordinator Austin Miller at 884-6015.



*Mike Coffin and Dale Boquist taking charge of the huge pot of spaghetti sauce. In this case two cooks are better than one.*



# The Center News

by Sandy McFarlane

It just seems like yesterday that we wrote the October news article. With so much going on here at the Civic Center time is flying by. The remodel on the VFW room is almost complete. If you haven't seen it yet please come by and see the miraculous changes that have taken place. We are now putting a major effort into completing the remodel of the apartment so we can hire a security person as soon as possible. Our thanks go to all the volunteers that have come out late at night and early in the morning to lock and unlock our buildings.

The next big project to come up will be installing the new double pane windows. We hope to see some savings in our power bills this winter. We thank Boeing for their generous grant to the Civic Center.

While on the subject of remodeling we need to mention how co-operative almost all renters have been about being moved here, there, and everywhere during the last couple of months. We hope our game of musical rooms is almost over.

Skate parties are being booked rapidly. This is a very popular way of having a birthday party. However, we do have lots of room at our Family Skate on the first and third Sunday of each month from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Skating together as a family can be a great way to spend time with your children. Come out and join the fun.

If anybody knows of a generous soul who might have a photocopier to donate we could sure use a new one. Not to be too picky but we need something that can do multiple copies and can collate. This is high on our wish list this year.

At our next Board Meeting on November 11 we will have the election of new board members. There are several openings on the Board and we would welcome anybody that would like to get involved in their community. This is a very hard working Board but a large dose of fun is part of the job.

As always the coffee pot is on so come on down and let us know what we can do to help you or your group.

**Vicky McClung, Sandy McFarlane**  
Facility Managers

## The Prez Sez...

As I sat down to write this column, it occurred to me that this is the next-to-last one I'll be writing, as a ne Board president will be taking office after the December Board meeting. Which brings up the reminder again that the November Board meeting is the one time of the year when all residents (18 and

older) of the Key Peninsula have the opportunity to vote for new officers and new as well as some incumbent Board members.

The Whitmore Room holds 83 people, so let's try to fill it on the second Thursday of November at 7:30 P.M.

## KPCCA Executive Committee 1999

### PRESIDENT:

Marty Marcus  
884-2213

### 1st VICE PRESIDENT:

(Maintenance)  
Lloyd Miller  
884-2536

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(Membership)  
Shirley Olson  
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• 884-5420

### AT LARGE:

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884-2566

### AT LARGE:

Betty Kelley  
884-4126

### PAST PRESIDENT:

Dale Loy  
884-4169 or 884-3937



## The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

I recently adopted an 8 week old puppy at the Tacoma Humane Society. First, I had to complete an adoption application which asked me how would I potty train and discipline him, about his sleeping area during the day and night, what the yard is like, how tall the fence is, and how I would train him. Once approved for adopting a pet I received a video and instructional booklet on how to succeed in these areas. This got me thinking on how difficult it is for new parents of an infant to know what is normal in the day-to-day care of an infant, and how to enhance mental and physical growth and development. Unlike the Humane Society, we do not ask new parents to write out a parenting plan before they leave the hospital; also they are not given an instructional video. It is not easy being a new parent and definitely it is not stress-free raising a healthy family. But there are services available to help through the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center.

As a Public Health Nurse with the KP Family Resource Center, I provide home visitation services for Maternal Child Health. The Maternity Support Service program is a preventive health service for pregnant women and infants to age two months. This program supplements medical visits and includes health teaching, referral to a social worker and nutritionist, childbirth education, referrals to community resources, and child care vouchers for medical appointments. This service is confidential and free of charge to eligible pregnant women. The number to call for referrals is 798-6403 at the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.

Our Healthy Family program focuses on newborns to age three. A public health nurse and family support worker provide home visits. At the home visit information is shared with the parents to promote understanding of baby's growth and development and how they make a big difference in their baby's life. Parents learn about brain development and hands on activities to stimulate brain growth. We explore how crucial parenting is to the baby's emotional physical well-being. This service is also free to families with children up to age 3. Participation is voluntary. To make referrals call 884-5433 at the KP Family Resource Center.

It is definitely not easy being a parent. Just when we think we've got the hang of it, the little ones move on to a new developmental phase. Wouldn't it be nice if infants came with an instructional booklet? - Kathy Harsch, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse.

Children's Home Society Family Resource Center at Key Peninsula sponsors the following activities which are all free unless otherwise noted:

In collaboration with Child Reach, developmental screenings for birth to age 3 will be conducted on November 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. by appointment only. Please call Olenna Bruce at 798-3698 for more information and to set up appointments.

The Indoor Park Program is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be no Indoor Park on 11/25/99.

The Clothing Bank will be closed between Thanksgiving and Christmas except for emergencies to allow us space to accommodate our Holiday Program.

### NEW PROGRAMS

**Relatives Raising Children** is a support group for families who are raising or helping to raise family member's children. These children may have experienced domestic violence, drug and alcohol exposure, neglect, abuse, or parents needing parental support. Often times, grandparents, great-grandparents, or siblings step in to help raise children in need. The intent of this group is to lend support, and provide resources and information to these families. The group will have two meeting times on the second Thursday of each month. The meetings are at 1:00-2:30 p.m. and 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Key Peninsula Civic Center.

A new program for **Parents of Teens** is also beginning. The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for mutual support, education, and information exchange. We realize that parenting of teens often involves new experiences and challenges, and requires a durable sense of humor. Meeting with other parents in the same situation can be beneficial for all. This program will meet monthly, on the first Thursday of each month, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. We're planning a 1 p.m. session and a 7 p.m. session, to try to accommodate people's schedules. Childcare is available upon request. If you have any questions, please call 884-5433.

We are now signing up families and sponsors for the 1999 Holiday Helper program. This program coordinates requests for holiday assistance and donations from the community. Parents who are worried about not being able to provide gifts for their children this year, due to financial hardship, are encouraged to call the Center at 884-5433 or stop in during our office hours, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a simple and confidential sign-up process.

On the other hand, if you are willing to spread some holiday cheer and make the season memorable for families in need, please give us a call. You, your family, business or civic organization can sponsor one or more children, or an entire family. What a great way to celebrate! Call 884-5433.

To find out more about these and other services, please call us at 884-5433.

The staff of the Children's Home Society of Washington Key Peninsula Family Resource Center





# KPCCA Board Meeting Minutes

October 13, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM.

MSC to accept September Board Meeting Minutes as written.

MSC to look into sponsoring Cub Scout Troop 222. Lethaniel Ray will provide info to the Executive Committee for further review.

MSC to table questions about the Sept. and Oct. Treasurers Report until the November Board Meeting.

MSC The KP Newspaper Committee is to provide either 6 month budget or a budget for November and December.

MSC to change Skate Party Rates to \$50 for 2 hours up to 17 children, a Skate Attendant will be provided. \$3.00 for each additional child. Also to require one adult for every 15 children beyond the first 15.

MSC to provide electricity to the Fuchsia Garden for lighting to be provided by Lake Bay Fuchsia Society.

T.O.P.S. would like to spend more time helping at the Center.

Tacoma Community College is interested in holding classes at the Civic Center.

Let us know what kind of classes would interest you.

Nominations and Election of New Board and Executive Committee Members will be held at the Board Meeting November 11th, at 7:30 PM.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

Adjourned at 9:53 PM.

September 9, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Marcus at 7:40 PM. The minutes from August were accepted as corrected. MSC to wait for unanswered questions for next meeting on Treasurer's report.

**Manager's Report:** Vicky McClung says "lots going on at the Center these days!" Approval from WIC for \$20K to improve VFW room is under way. Saturday the 11th from 7:00 AM-3:30 PM there will be a "barn raising" for the storeroom. Thank you to the Scouts for their help in moving everything out of the Whitmore room so the floors could be stripped. Vaughn wants us to cancel skate night so they can decorate for their fundraiser, however it was MSC not to cancel skate night. Volunteers need to sign in when putting hours in at the center; the sign in sheet will be in the office.

**Newspaper Report:** Marty Marcus reported that the newspaper mailed out over 7,000 copies to the community and 70 to subscriptions.

**Bylaws:** Mike Salatino reported that they have completed going over the existing bylaws and have made a few changes, which he asked the Board to approve. MSC to accept bylaws as written.

**Scouts:** Bill Macaras reported that the Scouts had a busy summer including a 68-mile backpacking canoe trip. Would like to help with repairing the flagpole. Will be at the barn raising on Sat. Would like to help with anything that needs to be done around the Center. They also thanked the newspaper for the recent coverage. Will put a food box in the office for their upcoming food

drive. Alex Ray was present to talk about his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to incorporate a basketball court into the tennis court.

MSC to consider plan for basketball court.

**Indoor Park:** Edie Morgan reported that they are up and running.

**Children's Home Society:** Little Buddies starts again in Oct., Tuesday afternoons. **Seniors:** Chuck Williamson reported the Seniors will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary on Thursday the 16th from 12 to 4:00 PM in the gym at the Center. Buffet and entertainment will be provided.

**Historical Society:** Tim Kezele reported there is a meeting October 28th at 6:30 PM in the Whitmore Room.

**VFW:** Cy Young reported they are happy about the improvements in the VFW room. Asked for approval for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner and they are collecting old flags for a project. They will be receiving an award for their help in the community Monday September 27th at 7:00 PM in the gym at the Center.

**Pioneer Days:** Mary Ramsdell reported they made \$1,167 in profit and that they had a good turnout despite the weather. Next year's event will be held on August 5th.

**Lake Bay Fuchsia Society:** Rose Grant asked if the Scouts would consider making them a bench in the gardens?

**Christmas Bazaar:** Krys Wylie asked the board to consider moving the Bazaar's date for next year to November 18th. MSC to move date next year.

In regards to newspaper article put out by the Personnel Committee, it was MSC to limit them to Personnel only in other words paid employee's of the Civic Center. MSC to remove both recycle bins from the Civic Center's parking lot.

Meeting Adjourned.

Kristen Bottiger  
Secretary

**Don't Forget  
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Key Peninsula  
Civic Center's  
Christmas  
Bazaar  
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4:00 PM  
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Key Peninsula  
Civic Center  
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## A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

I have to start this column with an apology to my readers. When reporting facts and figures, a good journalist should make every effort to verify the accuracy of the information being presented. I try to make use of several sources, and if they are in fairly close agreement on the information, I feel it is safe to pass it along.

Unfortunately, in last month's column, I used some information from a usually reliable source, but didn't confirm it from any other source. I reported to you that in 1998 the average CEO salary of the eleven major HMOs was \$28.2 million. Actually, that was the total for all eleven CEOs, making their average salary \$2,560,000. That works out to be \$1,280 an hour, not an insignificant rate of pay. The reason I didn't suspect that the \$28.2 million might be inaccurate is that I knew that in some other industries there were CEOs getting salaries of \$326 million, \$495 million, and one even received \$576 million. Based on a 40 hour week, that last one is \$288,000 an hour!

Back now to the problem of fixing the health care situation. There's no question that the majority of people in this country believe that everyone should have some kind of health insurance. Poll after poll indicates that. Yet, just last year, there was a net increase of one million people without health insurance, bringing the total for the nation to 44.3 million, more than 16% of the population. It varies from state to state. Texas ranks 50th, with 24.5% of its residents without any health coverage, while in Hawaii it's 8.8%. Here in Washington, 11 % of us have no health insurance coverage. The low number for Hawaii may be due to their use of a "single-payer" system of coverage.

It's obviously a problem whose major effect is on the lower income sector of the population. However, a Census Bureau report indicates that as more employers cut back on health benefits for their employees,

we now find that in households with incomes of more than \$50,000 a year, the number of people without health coverage increased nearly 2 million last year, bringing the total for that group to more than 12 million. The biggest increase was among children under the age of six.

Last year that group went from 20% not covered to 23.6%.

As "welfare reform" sends more people, mostly women, to low-paying jobs without health benefits, they are not being informed that for 99% of them, their children are still eligible for Medicaid. Restoring Medicaid coverage for these children would be one way to reduce the total number of children without health insurance, yet in some states this information is deliberately being withheld from the parents, thereby saving money for the state, although also violating federal law.

Ultimately, however, the solution is in the hands of the Congress. We need legislation that will enable everyone to have health insurance. We need legislation that will allow health care professionals to make the decisions about what their patients need. We need legislation that will ensure that a high percentage of premiums is used for providing care, not for super-inflated CEO salaries and myriads of clerks and managers. We need legislation that recognizes the need for prenatal and infant care and immunizations, based on the old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Getting this kind of legislation passed will not be easy. Last year, the HMOs spent more money on lobbying than the tobacco industry did. To get this kind of legislation through the House and Senate is going to take a lot of us letting our Representatives and Senators know that this is not only what we want, but what our country needs and our people deserve.

## Do Something For Yourself

by Mary Nelson

"NO TIME? NO TIME", you say? You are following a fun filled summer with a busy fall? Good. It is the pits to be bored. But, have you got your priorities straight? What about your health? Maybe this is the time to do something for yourself. Leave those extra pounds behind and gain strength and energy for your busy life.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) has a program that you can personalize and a support system to help you stay on track. The Morning T.O.P.S. #WA 1325 Group, meets at the Longbranch Improvement Club, about a mile south of Evergreen elementary School. Come in for a visit between 9:00-11:00 AM every Tuesday morning. Every

one between the ages of 9 and 90 is welcome.

In August we had a picnic at Penrose Park featuring low calorie dishes and a recipe exchange. September saw us getting ready for our Fall Rally, October 2.

Success is losing weight and Lois Crandall was our best loser for August. Joann Gilkison came in second. Followed by Lucille O'Doughty in 1st place and Rick Crandall in second in September. Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work!!!

If you would like more information call Lisa at 884-2251 or Ruth at 884-9606, SEE YOU ATTOPS!



## Angel Notes



Elsie Vezzani, President of the Angel Guild receives certificate of appreciation.

Last month the Angel Guild was so happy to make at least 3 organizations recipients of donations from the Guild. They were the 4 H, Cub Scouts and the KP Middle School for after school activities. We are so very pleased to help these endeavors in our own community, which is what the Angel Guild is all about.

We were pleased to accept a certificate of appreciation from the Peninsula School Board for our help in the past.

It has been fun to work in the store this past month watching the costumes go out. There was a wedding dress that I don't think was going to be used as a costume that went. We are still having problems with the trash type items that we can't sell and we have to dispose of. There are signs to say don't leave big furniture etc., but it still is being done. Ultimately, we all lose from this as we have to pay to dispose of the items that are not worthy of sale. We urge you to please leave goods that we can sell in our store. Thank you for all you have donated and to those of you who come and shop.

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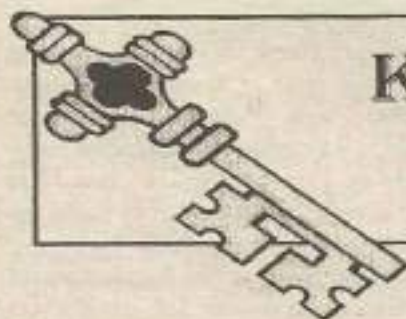
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# Have A Wonderful And Happy Thanksgiving Day!



## KEY DATES 1999

### BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc. 1<sup>st</sup> Friday - 7:30 AM Home Port Rest.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - Noon Horseshoe Lake Rest  
Fire Fighters Assoc. 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta

### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Amnesty International 4<sup>th</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM Pizza Plus in Key Center  
Ashes Sept. 2 - 10:30 AM Key Center Fire Station  
Boy Scout Troop #220 Tuesday-6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - KPCC Whitmore Rm.  
Coollettes 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.  
KPCCA Exec. Board 1<sup>st</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM Civic Center  
KPCCA Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.  
KPCS Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM Comm. House - Home  
KPHC Board 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM Health Center  
KP Lions Club 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. - 6:30 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.  
VFW & Auxiliary 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. 7:00 PM CC/VFW Room/Wm Rm

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor  
Angel Guild 4<sup>th</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library  
Cancer Support Group 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 1:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library  
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Friday,  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call 884-5433  
Food Bank - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home  
Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon - Community House - Home  
Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4440,  
884-4514, or 857-4780.  
Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor.

The Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic at the office of Dr. Roes every Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

T.O.P.S AM Every Tuesday 9:00 Longbranch Imp. Club

Key Center Library 884-2242 - Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 3 PM,  
Thursday & Friday, 1 - 6 PM, Saturday, Noon - 4 PM.

KP Baptist Bible Study Wednesday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center

Overeaters Anonymous Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church

Seniors Exercise Program Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM Comm. House - Home

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the

Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.

Nov. 22 - 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.

KP Parks & Rec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

### SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM

At the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home.

Peninsula ALANON - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30

PM

Caregivers Support Nov. 8 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library

Grandparents Group Nov. 6 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library

Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.

T.O.P.S. Tuesday Evening Weigh in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic

Center

### SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - Noon Longbranch Imp. Club

Cancer Support Group 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 1 to 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library

KP Historical Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum

Museum Open Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

LB Improvement Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement

Peninsula Neighbors 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 10:00 AM Longbranch Improvement

Lakebay Fuchsia Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library

Ruth Circle Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - 10:00 AM Bible Study, lunch and

Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church.

Senior Society Luncheon Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room

Vaughn Bay Garden Club Nov. 12 at the home of Janet Robertson at 10:30 AM

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# Living And Learning On The Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

This past year the Museum worked on expanding the collection and increasing our exposure to the community. Barb & Rich Hanna started the year off by developing and building an old fashion kitchen display. The on going post office display was fortunate this year to be given the original post office document signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Lakebay Post Office. In the spring, students visited the Museum from Evergreen Elementary School. It was a great day of learning for both students and Museum staff. The Key Peninsula best seller "Early Days of the Key Peninsula" has sold close to 600 copies. Does any one remember the book "Parade of the Pioneers" by Bertha Davidson? K.P.H.S. has gotten permission to republish this book. Look for copies to go on sale this November at the Civic Center Christmas Bazaar. In June, the Museum received a set of document file cabinets to store our growing collection of maps, charts and large photographs. This fall our museum is five years old and the historical society will be celebrating its twenty - seventh anniversary.

So what is on the agenda for 2000? We will be improving the large showcases with more lighting and rearranging all of the display area by the windows. K.P.H.S. plans to start restoring the Penrose Memorial Garden and working on expanding our education programs. The year 2000 will be a year of growth and exploring opportunities that will benefit both the museum and the people of the Key Peninsula. Finally without the support of the membership, our success would not be where it is today. Thank you to everyone.

The Museum store is marking down their nice tote bags from \$13.95 to \$8.00, they would make great Christmas presents. We are republishing the 1933 "Vaughn Library Association" Cook Book and "Parade of the Pioneers". Both books will be available at our booth, November 27th at the Civic Center Christmas Bazaar.

REMEMBER THE MUSEUM IS OPEN  
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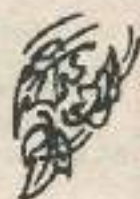
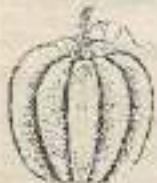

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## THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

One of the first things that my old dean at the law school told us during our first year of study was, "The fear of the courtroom hangs like a specter over the heads of many a good attorney." I have found during the last 25 years of practice that Dean Orland was correct. I have known attorneys over the years for whom the thought of trying a case before a judge and especially before a jury, is a terrifying thing, one to be avoided at all costs.

In England, the higher courts are attended by attorneys who are known as barristers, while those attorneys who try cases to the lower courts and assist barristers in the higher courts are known as solicitors. Our country has yet to establish such a division of labor, although there are efforts being made nationwide to try to certify attorneys as being competent to try cases.

Most lawyers who fear going to court are afraid of trying their case to a jury. As you know, jurors are people whose only qualifications for service are that they be a citizen of the county in which they will serve, are over 18 years of age, are able to communicate in the English language and are not felons whose civil rights have not been restored. Each county prepares a juror master

list compiled from the licensed drivers and indigent holders in the county. Prior to 1994, a juror needed to be a registered voter. Not any more. All you need is a driver's license and you are in the jury pool.

Jury service is a fundamental right of citizenship. It is an honor to serve and it is one that many people avoid like the plague. The laws say that jury service should not be for more than a two-week period and one-day if at all possible. Cases usually fall between those two periods of time and no matter how you cut it, jury service gets in the way of work, raising your family and often fun things such as vacations.

Despite the aversion to jury service, most people who finally serve find the experience interesting and have few regrets for the time spent in court. Whether it's a civil case or a criminal trial, jury members become close to one another during their brief period of service.

Over the years, I have had cases where you could hear yelling and shouting in the jury room as the jurors weighed the evidence and applied the law as provided in the judge's instructions. From my observation, I know of no act of civic duty where people take their oath more seriously than they do

as jurors.

This is not to say that there aren't bad jurors - there are. There are also bad judges, lawyers, policemen and so forth. The amazing thing to me after living with juries for many years, is that most of the time their decisions make sense and are well grounded in the facts and the law that developed during the trial.

Jury service is changing and next month we'll look at several of these changes, such as the role of pre-trial questionnaires and the ground-breaking practice where jurors actually are permitted to ask questions that may have been overlooked by the attorneys. In addition, the role of jury nullification, which is being advocated by some activist groups, will be discussed.

## Vaughn Bay Garden Club

Vaughn Bay Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, November 17th, at the home of Janet Robertson at 10:30 AM. Lee Stiles is co-hostess for the meeting. Rose Grant will present a program on making decorative baskets for Thanksgiving.

Visitors or prospective members are welcome. For further information, call 884-5403.

## Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizer CTP

There are good reasons to look now at deductions or moves you can make that can mean tax benefits now or later. Businesses can buy advertising that will be effective in 2000, but pay for it in 1999 and take the deduction in 1999.

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## VETERAN'S VOICES

By Elleen Young



Pride, Happiness and Joy - all applied the night of September 27th when VFW post 4990 and ladies auxiliary received the National Community Service Award. Thanks are due to the new Color Guard and Officer of the Day, Bob Cate for a grand presentation of the colors, to the local Boy Scouts but especially to the members of 4990 who, each month, take the time to fill out the papers with their worthwhile work in the community. It really paid off. Keep up the good work, who knows, with your help, maybe we can do this again. To the ladies auxiliary, a special thank you for the wide variety of

foods and beautiful decorations. The Key Singers of Longbranch were a definite asset to the evening and we thank them for their part in a glorious ceremony for VFW.

Time to pass along some information that might help with the power outages sure to come. For information on outages, call 857-5950. There should be a recorded message telling you where the outage occurred, approximately how long it will take to resume power, meanwhile on your battery operated radio, tune to 89.3, 89.9 or the best one in our area 104 FM. Also watch your news letter which comes with your light bill for

future updates.

It is with great sorrow we report the passing of life member Leroy "Roy" Glass on October 1st. Our sincere condolences to his wife Nita, daughter Gail and son Roy and family. A VFW memorial was held at Vaughn cemetery on October 23rd.

Good to see some of our folks out and about again, namely Jean Barnes, Katy Collier and Ernie Shreve. To anyone and everyone still not up to par, our love and prayers are with you.

THANKSGIVING DINNER will again be served on November 25th at 3pm for anyone single, senior couples, veterans, single seniors or single parents with children. Call 884-3386 or 884-4551 to save a place at the table. VFW will again cook and serve the meal free of charge.

A wreath was laid by Commander Cy and President Roxanne at the Saratoga Memorial in Bremerton, October 9th with post colors held by Gary Helmick and auxiliary colors by Debbie Simon.

Weather permitting, the Aisle of Honor will be displaying 167 flags at the Vaughn cemetery for Veterans day, November 11th from 8am to 6pm.

The Christmas Bazaar will be November 27th at the Civic Center. Any contributions you can make towards the VFW table will be appreciated. No home baked "goodies" please. Call 884-4407 for more information.

The "TREES OF SHARING" will again be

in Walts Fine Food stores, all three of them! Key Center, Lake Kathryn and Bridgeway at Purdy. Thanks a million Walt. We really appreciate this opportunity to collect gifts for our veterans in hospitals.

Our own Christmas party will be held December 13th complete with "gift exchange". More information later.

The Auxiliary will again supply gifts for each patient in the Rocky Bay Health Care Center for Christmas.

Have YOU paid your VFW dues? Both the ladies' and men's annual dues are due. In order to keep our organization strong and our voices heard in Washington DC, we must all work together and stay strong together. As a VFW member, you are the voice for that comrade and sister in hospital needing care and no longer able to speak for themselves.

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your contribution of non-perishable foods for the Christmas baskets to the next meeting. Meeting dates are: October 25th - November 8th and 22nd - 7pm at the Civic Center.

Till next time, Keep well, Be Happy and Remember, Success in life has nothing to do with what YOU gain or accomplish for yourself. ITS WHAT YOU DO FOR OTHERS.

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## TO YOUR HEALTH

by  
William F. Roes, MD

In keeping with my theme this year of changes in medicine over the last century, I thought it would be interesting to look at the changes in where medicine has been practiced in America. In 1900 American medicine was provided either by general practitioners out of their office, or specialists out of their hospital. The GP at the turn of the century actually did most of his work at the patient's home. He may have an office, but it was typically two rooms, one for waiting patients and one for examining patients, and it was usually part of his home. There was little he could do in his office that couldn't be done at bedside, few telephones, and most of his practice was word of mouth or patients sending someone "for the doctor". He may have a nurse (often his wife) helping him, but seldom had any other assistance.

The vast majority were solo private practitioners.

Specialty care in 1900 was found in the hospitals, which often were associated with a group of doctors, such as Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle. Hospitals were the "last resort" and hospital stays were often several weeks long. The technology of 1900 was found in hospitals along with the laboratories, the GP had little to work with other than his own skills. Nursing homes as we know

them didn't exist -- there were "old folks homes", but they did not provide medical care. Generally people were either sick enough to be in the hospital or at home.

With the development of technology, both medical and non medical, it became possible for the physician to do things at his office that he couldn't at bedside. In the office he would have a rudimentary laboratory, often an x-ray machine, and he could be reached by telephone. By hiring more people and having more examination rooms he could take care of more patients that would schedule appointments to come in. By mid century specialists also found they could practice outside of the hospital, although the majority continued to function in groups. With the social changes that affected America in the 1950's, nursing homes became common, but were often thought of as places where people went at the end of their life, with little emphasis on rehabilitation and returning the patient to the outside world.

In the mid 1980's Medicare began attempting to shift patient care from expensive in hospital treatments to less expensive outpatient care. Although this trend was in place previously it accelerated by government mandate, and now people were discharged 3 days after their hip surgery instead of 10 days. They weren't ready to go home, so nursing homes became rehabilitation centers, doing the work that was previously done in hospitals. About the same time the trend developed for hospitals and large health care organizations to employ primary care physicians, and the shift away from solo family practitioners was accentuated. In the course of ten years the percentage of inde-

pendent family doctors in Pierce County has gone from about 75% to 25%, and most of them are members of groups of physicians.

It appears the future will continue this trend of more consolidation. It seems that "economy of scale" has taken over, meaning that solo physicians will have an increasingly hard time competing with the larger groups, getting the competitive insurance contracts, and running their office practices with the limited capital generated from increasingly discounted governmental insurance programs. There are days I feel like the dinosaurs looking into the sky and seeing the annihilating comet flaming through the atmosphere. That's not to say it isn't still a lot of fun to practice this way, but the evolution of outpatient medicine to larger groups of managed care providers seems to be the wave of the future.

## Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden Club, member of the Capitol District, will have its November meeting on Friday the 19th at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

12 Noon Lunch, Hostesses: Rose Malmgren and Erna Dunn.

1:00 PM Design: Dorothy Rome

1:30 PM Theme Speaker: Ann Waldo - Gardening with native plants.

2:00 PM Horticulture/Conservation - Karie Streich

For further information call Sylvia Retherford at 253-884-2487.

## Music, Music, Music!!!

Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) will present "Autumn Sounds III", Saturday, November 13th, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Gig Harbor United Methodist Church, 7400 Pioneer Way, Gig Harbor. Milt Boyd will emcee the program and Peninsula Community Choir will provide the concession as a fundraiser for their organization.

Admission is a \$5.00 minimum donation for adults. Children, students, and nursing home residents are admitted FREE. "Please bring children and the elderly. This will be a program all ages will enjoy", said Shirley Tomasi, CAC Executive Director.

"Autumn Sounds is one of the Four Season's annual programs. Spring Sing showcases singing groups, Summer Dance, cultural dances, Autumn Sounds, a concentration on the musical instrument, and Winter Visuals focuses on the visual arts and the how-to process", offered Tomasi.

This season's "Autumn Sounds III" program includes:

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The menu is the brainchild of local chef extraordinaire Ron Wright, owner of Local Motive Catering and Events. "When I met with the committee planning the party we were talking about how the beginning of a new year, century and millennium is more than a national holiday, it's a worldwide celebration, so it just seemed to me that we could connect Vaughn to the rest of the world at the Celebration 2000 party through our menu."

And Wright knows a fair bit about cooking and food from around the world. A graduate of the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, Ron studied under master chefs from Europe and Asia.

"Everyone around the world will celebrate the new year with their traditional New Year's holiday foods, so I wanted to creatively incorporate those foods into the menu for Celebration 2000," Wright said. Some appetizer examples: Hoppin' Joe (for you non-Southerners that's black-eyed peas and greens -- the greens represent prosperity and



Ron Wright, Chef and owner of Local Motive Catering

the peas/beans are for good luck) in Greek fillo dough triangles; authentic-style Mexican tamales; salmon caviar; Japanese Shomei; and German sausages and Norwegian pickled herring.

Wright, who has cooked at some of the top restaurants, private clubs, wineries and caterers in the San Francisco Bay Area, knows that food has to be served with a dramatic flair; and he has a few surprises up

his chef's smock sleeve for the Celebration 2000 party. "The midnight 'Innkeepers Buffet' is going to be fabulous," he said. Pot-latch planked Copper River Salmon fillets, roast Baron of Beef and chef-carved roast turkey breast are among some of the treats planned. "And of course we have some decadent desserts planned too," Wright said.

Wright, a former ironworker on skyscrapers who developed his interest in cooking as a six-year-old in his grandmother's farm kitchen, said he sees his work as a matter of artistry. "For me, being a chef means using my skills and creativity as an artist paintbrush, and using food as my color palette, with the intention of creating a masterpiece," he said. "This is going to be a fun party and it will truly be enjoyable for me to cook the food for a community celebration that many of my friends and neighbors will attend."

You cannot buy tickets from Ron Wright as he chugs around town in his familiar Local Motive truck dressed up as a caboose; but, tickets are available at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center or by calling Shirley Olson at 884-2481.

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## A Mini-Grand Tour With The Grandsons

by Colleen Slater

In mid-August, Frank and I left SeaTac with nearly 15 year old grandsons Cail and David for their first adventure abroad. Planned destinations included England, Scotland, France and Italy, with family to visit in most of the areas. Our first week was with "Bill" cousins Angela and Brian, who visited us a year ago. They were home base for travels within a half day drive. Frimley was our first stop, seeing the 16th century St. Peter's Church where Frank's Higley ancestors had come from. Old gravestones are mostly obliterated, and the church was closed, common in Britain these days. Actually many old churches are now community centers, theatres, or libraries.

Windsor Castle was our next outing, in time to see the changing of the guard. The troops march up Castle Hill, a good introduction for the boys to English pomp. At Windsor, a "must do" was a picture by the cannon where Frank and I had first visited with cousins in 1959, and taken our children in 1981.

The best of the Cotswolds, from Brian's view, was a delightful trip. En route, we stopped at Pudlicote, a house once owned by my Buckell ancestors, and had tea with the current owners. From there, we could see Fairspear on the horizon, where the Buckell family lived prior to coming to America in 1870. Sir Tim of Pudlicote farms wheat, rape, and a few other crops, but he declared his wife is the farmer, he's the day laborer.

After a picnic lunch near a country road with a view across the fields, we arrived at Stow-on-Wold, a much-visited town of the Cotswolds. Stow is for pedestrians, with picturesque old buildings and more shops than can be visited in a day. However, nowhere could I find "corn dollies", which used to be a local craft. The Royal Inn, oldest inn in England, from 947, boasted a sign proclaiming that "No Roundheads, Flatheads, Squareheads, or Pinheads" were welcome.

In Upper Slaughter, we saw houses converted from old farm buildings, a common occurrence where farming is less often a family business and housing needs are great. Lower Slaughter, with a channelized river, and many cottages with their tiny gardens all in a row, is another village for strolling. An old mill with waterwheel, running sporadically for demonstration, houses craft and gift shops, including delicious "organic ice cream". Brian drove us through Bourton-on-Water, the most popular of the Cotswolds towns, with hordes of people all over. We were quite pleased to pass it by, having enjoyed our scenic views unencumbered with excessive tourists.

Our day for Salisbury and beyond was predicted as a humid 76°, so we dressed accordingly. However, as the day progressed, it went from gray and misty through heavy rain showers with thunder and lightning, and finally cleared into a lovely day with a colorful sunset. Salisbury Cathedral is notable for the tallest spire in England, and is an impressive structure with flying buttresses. As elsewhere, renovation is be-

ing done, but most of the building was available to see. Our picnic was a "tailgate party", with our gracious hosts sitting in the back, passing food to us as the rain poured outside. Stonehenge was next, disappointing to the boys in that they could not get close enough to touch the stones, plus a long queue, not to mention the rain. A few photos from beyond the fence and we headed out to Bath. We gals toured the Fashion Museum, representing clothing styles through the ages, while the gents perused Mr. Bowler's Business, a collection of antique implements and inventions. The Roman Baths are well preserved/restored and labeled, plus the accompanying audio presentation explains the various artifacts and areas.

Our day in London was not the usual tourist route, although we began at the Tower of London and let the boys set the pace. They quickly mastered "the tube" routine, although we did ride the traditional double decker bus, too. Lunch was at Covent Garden, where we shopped and watched a fascinating juggler perform for a large crowd. Hunting for a particular book, Cail led us into areas where the locals shop, with few tourists visible. Eventually we made our way to "The London Dungeon", situated in the former London Bridge underground station. Cail and David enjoyed the fun, especially the live actors, including being accused as pick-pockets. When asked where they were from, and hearing "Washington", the verdict was instantly "Guilty!" They were sure the accusers thought "the other Washington".

## Grace Presbyterian Church Events Coming Up

Grace Presbyterian Church, at Wauna, has scheduled several events for November.

A new Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM, for six weeks. The title is "Famous Last Words", examining the last or near last thoughts of some important Bible characters. Larry Carlson will teach the class.

A Thanksgiving Day worship service will be held at 10:00 AM on November 25th.

"O come, O Come Emmanuel", an interactive celebration of Advent with song and antiphon will be held Sunday afternoon, November 28th.

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## November In The Garden

Be thankful the hoses and sprinklers are stored away for the season. September was dry and our first rain arrived on October 7. Garden clean up continues with compost accumulating to provide nutrients and humus for next year's crops.

The last of the tomatoes ripen on the windowsill and thirty winter squash are stored in the basement recreation room. Apples and pears from the orchard occupy the garage and the large freezer is nearly full of summer's bountiful produce.

The growing season is never over here. Primroses that bloomed fitfully all summer have become vigorous with blossoms. It is time to divide large clusters so they have more space for winter and early spring growth. Six foot tall Michaelmas daisies (fall asters) are still colorful pinks and purples. A five foot tall monkshood (*Aconitum*) stalk is full of buds and deep blue blooms. Tulips, daffodils, snow drops, iris reticulata and crocuses are in place for early spring color. Other very early perennial flowering plants such as *Limnathes* (butter and eggs) and *Doronicum* (leopard's bane) should be planted now.

Winter heathers are in full bloom: red, pink and white. They will be a joy for months to come. A frost may briefly discourage them but they make a quick recovery. Gloriosa daisies, less lovely than in summer, bloom on, making seed that will come up all

over, readying for another season. Four foot tall toad lilies (*Tricyrtis macropoda*) after six weeks of bloom with their purple spotted white blossoms, still have buds to come.

Dahlia blossoms are nearly gone but the tubers do not have to be dug if they are in a well drained spot. If they need moving or rearranging, now is the time to do it. They can be stored in a dry cool basement if you wish.

Many trees have lost their leaves including the deciduous magnolias, but the evergreen *Magnolia grandiflora* is lovely as ever. During the ice storm of 1996, we went out hourly to break the accumulated ice off its leaves. The weight would have broken down the young tree. It rewarded us by bearing ten dinner-plate sized fragrant blossoms the following spring.

The winter cole crops (cauliflower, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, kale and cabbage) are not ready yet and the fall plants are gone. This gap is filled with root crops such as carrots, beets, parsnips and salsify. The potato crop was never finished off so can be dug anytime a pot-full is needed. There are always enough overlooked tubers left in the ground for a crop next year.

The greenhouse off the living room is abloom with pink *Bougainvillea*, hibiscus, *Mandevilla* and geraniums. Windowsills bear trays of African violets to cheer us through the gray days of winter.

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2:00 to 4:00 - Key Singers, Plus  
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Contact:

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## IN THE LIBRARY

**THE BLUES: EVOLUTION OF AN ART FORM**, a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library and the Washington Commission for the Humanities, will be held Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM. Beginning with African call and response music, Diana Marre traces the development of the work song, the spiritual, and the blues, emphasizing the ways in which they reflect the African American culture from which they emerged. Demonstrating the musical structure of the blues on the guitar, she helps the audience learn how to hear a typical blues progression. Marre incorporates a discussion of the paintings of Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series to show how the blues is used as both oral history and as a vehicle for communicating emotions of pain and joy. Audience members will hear early blues artists Bessie Smith and Louis Armstrong, as well as electric blues masters B.B. King and Bobby "Blue" Bland. The obvious connection between blues, rock and roll, and rap will be demonstrated. The program concludes with a performance of one of Marre's own blues compositions.

Born and raised in Arkansas, Diana Marre developed an interest in African American music and culture and grew up playing the blues on piano and guitar. As an undergraduate music major, she studied classical organ and spent a year in Europe playing the great organs of France, Holland, and Germany. She holds an MFA in creative writing and has published a novel and several plays. As an acting coach and director, Marre has produced more than twenty university and professional plays. She has published widely in the area of African American theatre. She teaches humanities and creative writing at Tacoma Community College.

Pierce County Library and all of the branches will be closed: Friday, November 5 for a staff training day; Thursday, November 11 for Veterans' Day; and Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.

## T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

Oct 2, 12 of our members went to the Fall Rally at Bremerton High School. It is a time of recognition and fun for all who attend. We were so proud to have the person who lost the most weight in the entire region. The countdown was very exciting as Colleen Spezia kept standing and was called on stage to announce her weight loss is now at 170 lbs. Colleen has been an active member of Wa 1019, Vaughn chapter of TOPS for one and a half years. She is a constant and consistent example of what TOPS stands for: Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Colleen and her son, James are always in attendance doing the right thing. Colleen is getting closer to her goal weight every week. She also was honored at the rally as our chapter "Joy" which is a secret voting by all the members of who has inspired them the most in our group. We won a 2nd place trophy for publicity, and Phyllis Tiernan made our beautiful banner depicting the theme of emerging butterflies as TOPS gives me wings. Julie Higgins wrote a poem that Phyllis embroidered on the banner. It was a great day. We wish everyone interested could have been there.

Last month we did a net loss of 41 and 1/4 pounds for the group. Phyllis lost the most. Pat Canavan was in 2nd place and Colleen was third. Pauline Longley has been maintaining her loss all year below her target weight.

Our programs have been going very well with Cindy Brewer and Louise Harrison organizing the calendar. It is a pleasure to be in a group where many members take part in the activities.

If you have a desire to lose weight and be a part of this dynamic chapter, come to the newly refurbished VFW room at the Civic Center in Vaughn. Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM, weighing is private, there is always a helpful program. We are done promptly at 8:00 PM. Call 884-4102 for details.

## TCC Is Coming To The Key Peninsula

Tacoma Community College is coming to the Key Peninsula with non-credit lifelong education classes beginning February, 2000. We're starting small, but thinking big. We're kicking off the winter program with drawing and pottery classes for children and beginning watercolor and weaving for adults. Also, how about a cooking class for all the frustrated cooks out there.

We need your help. Start thinking about what types of classes you would like to see, what times are most convenient for you, and if you would be qualified to teach a class. So, if you have an idea or are qualified to teach a class, please contact Joyce Schultz at 566-5018 or E-mail your information to [jschultz@tcc.tacoma.ctc.edu](mailto:jschultz@tcc.tacoma.ctc.edu) with your thoughts and suggestions. Look for more details in upcoming issues!

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## Healthy People Healthy Neighborhoods

Early this October the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department launched a new website called [www.water4us.com](http://www.water4us.com). The purpose of this website is to inform and involve the community in preserving the quality of water in the Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor and Islands area of Pierce County. By being aware of and taking action both in our homes and neighborhoods we can preserve the quantity and high quality of our drinking water.

For almost all of the residents of the Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula and Island areas, drinking water comes from the ground and is called "groundwater". Lots of people have groundwater as their source of water and don't even know it. To learn more about where your water comes from and tips to ensure it is safe to drink visit [www.water4us.com](http://www.water4us.com).

Under the heading "Clean water ... don't take it for granted" you'll learn ways to keep your on-site sewage system healthy, how to preserve drinking water, environmentally friendly gardening tips, and methods to dispose of household hazardous chemicals in a safe manner. All of these are important things to know about in order to keep your drinking water clean.

The site also includes helpful information on ways that you can conserve water. Yes, even in rainy Washington State we all need

to practice water conservation! A family of four can save up to 68,000 gallons of water each year by following the listed water conservation tips. Did you know that washing full loads in your washing machine can save up to 20 gallons per load? And, did you know that a toilet leak can be silent and waste more than 50 gallons of water a day? To learn how to check for leaks and other beneficial actions you can take to save water go to [www.water4us.com](http://www.water4us.com).

Outside of your home, there are many ways you can get involved. You can adopt a beach, protect and restore wild salmon habitat, monitor local neighborhood streams, or participate on the local watershed protection committee. For more information see the Getting Involved section of [www.water4us.com](http://www.water4us.com).

There is also a great page "For Kids Only" with information and links to water related art work, book recommendations, games and activities, ideas for water experiments, and how to join the Awesome Aquifer Club.

So, if you just want to learn more about the local watershed to simple steps you can take at home to conserve water or, would like to become more active in protecting our local water resources, join us at <http://www.water4us.com>.

## Angel Tree Program Will You Help?

by Don Blischke, Firefighter/EMT

I like the sound of it, "Help for the Community, by the Community." Looking out for one's own, that's the way it should be and here on our peninsula that's the way it is.

Last week an important meeting took place in the basement of the Civic Center. It is the meeting where caring hearts from local community help organizations strategize and orchestrate this year's huge holiday help program. It is a formidable undertaking but one taken with pleasure for we all know the good it brings to our community.

Your Fire Department's Angel Tree Program in conjunction with your sponsorship and donations, helped provide warm winter coats, boots and hats, as well as art supplies, toys and very much needed food to over 72 Peninsula children and their families last year. **WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND SPIRIT.**

For most of us it has been a prosperous year. For some less fortunate it has been tough. For some, life has been brutal. There are many legitimate reasons bad times have beset some of our neighbors and I'll ask you not to judge. The fact is they need help, - our help.

For these children and families, the Angel Tree Program needs sponsors and/or your cash donations. This will allow us flexibility to help with these special needs.

### It's Easy to Help!

Sponsorship is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to get into the holiday spirit. And if you have children in your own home, you can teach them a valuable lesson in giving and sharing.

To sponsor, just call us at 884-2222 (Fire Dept.) and tell us how many children or families you would like to shop for. Then I'll contact you directly what the children and parent's age, gender, clothing size and a list of NEEDS and WANTS.

Cash donations can be dropped off at the Key Center Fire Station, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM.

### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED?

If so, please call us at 884-2222 (Fire Dept.) and ask for DeeDee.

## H.O.S.T.S. Returns To Vaughn Elementary

The Washington Reading Corps grant was renewed for Vaughn Elementary. It is a grant that facilitates community volunteers coming into the building to tutor students who could benefit from such assistance. We have committed to helping 130 students! Needless to say -- we need your help! If you have an hour a week to tutor, during the school day, or after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays, please call Judiann Wilbert at the school, 884-5700. Helping One Student to Succeed is the name of the curriculum funded by the grant. If you would simply like to read with a student who needs some extra reading time, please ask for Mary Work. For folks who live closer to Evergreen Elementary, and would like to work with Evergreen students, call Sabra Stratford at Evergreen Elementary, 884-3393.

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Funds raised will help cover 20% of the Key Peninsula Civic Centers operations.

It's great to be a part of a community who works hard and plays hard together.

Thanks again for your continued support.

**Kristen Bottiger, Betty Kelley, Claudia Loy, and Vicky McClung.**

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## Big News From Vaughn Elementary

**Auction 2000** - On March 25, 2000, Vaughn will be having its first ever school auction. The event will be held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The Auction committee is working hard to procure items. If you or your business or associates have any goods or services you would like to donate please call Vaughn PTA at 884-5700 and request a procurement form or stop by the PTA Volunteer Center located next to the school office at Vaughn and pick one up. Tickets will go on sale in January.

**Family Reading Night** - Vaughn PTA will be sponsoring Family Reading Night, Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be dinner for a minimal fee, reading and storytelling. The "Library Ladies" will be visiting and entertaining the crowd with their book parade.

**Reading Mentors for Vaughn's "HOST"** (Helping One Student to Succeed) program are in great demand. We have up to 100 students that qualify for the program. If you can spare 1 hour to 1 hour per week to spend reading with a child, your time would be greatly appreciated. Please call Judi Wilbert at 884-5700 if you would like to help a child at Vaughn to succeed with reading.

Vaughn has begun a major recycling program. Teaching young children the value of conservation benefits our community, our country and our entire earth as well as our school. Several of the programs we have begun are aluminum recycling, computer inkjet cartridge recycling and paper recycling. We have receptacles on school grounds for placing recyclable items. Our school receives all of the funds from the recycling. Also, we are working on a program with Wetzel's Recycling located on the Key Peninsula Highway just outside of Key Center. If you take your recycling to them you can ask to donate the proceeds to Vaughn and they will forward payment directly to our school. Thanks Wetzel's for your support and thanks to all of you. One last bit, if you at home or your company use computer inkjet cartridges and are not currently recycling them, bring them to the school in a ziploc bag. We receive \$1.00-2.00 each for the following: Apple Stylewriter M3240G/A - Canon BC-01, 02, 05, 06 20, 23, 60 and BX-2 and BX-3 - Hewlett Packard - 516, 25A, 26A, 29A, 33A, 33M, 41A, 45A, 49A, C1823A, C1816A Lexmark - 1380, 619, 620 and 1382050 and 60, 13614000 and Xerox 8R7638, 8R4055.

## What Is I.M. Pact Key Peninsula??

Many of you have seen our booths at the Civic Center Garage Sale, Pioneer Days, and Old Timers Days or just heard of us and wonder what we are all about.

I.M. Pact stands for Interdenominational Missions Pact. We are made up of representatives from your local Christian churches. We have representatives from Longbranch, Lakebay Community Covenant and Vaughn Community Churches, Key Peninsula Lutheran, and Saint Nicholas Catholic Church.

Our goal is to serve our community in many different areas as we grow. At the present time we have two main projects. One project is the Sunday night community meal. This is a free meal served at the KP Civic Center every Sunday evening from 5 to 6 pm. This was formerly known as the Friendship Dinner but be assured it is still the same meal with many of the same faces. Every one is encouraged to come and enjoy "fellowship" over dinner in the Whitmore room at the Civic Center. So mark your calendars and bring your neighbors.

Our other project is our desire to reach domestic violence victims and offer them safe places and hope for the future. Domestic violence is not subject to race, income level, social status, or age. It affects every one in one way or another, whether you've had a friend, neighbor, co-worker, children, or you, yourself have had an experience with domestic violence.

It is estimated that 50% of all homeless women and children are fleeing domestic violence yet there are 3 animal shelters to every 1 shelter for these women and children. There are only 2 shelters in Pierce County. With these statistics in mind we have defined a five step plan to reach our ultimate goal of a transitional housing facility

that will not only house victims but help them get the education, counseling and support they need to begin life anew.

Our five step plan outline is:

1. Educate our community
2. Organize safe places
3. Obtain a residence to be used as a safe house on the Peninsula that would house victims of abuse until room can be found in a shelter
4. Build and staff a shelter on the Peninsula
5. Build and staff a transitional housing facility. As part of our first step we give free presentations on basic domestic violence as well as other educational presentations. I.M. Pact Key Peninsula is blessed with the opportunity to work in cooperation with the dedicated people from Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence, Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Family Violence Prevention Project, Pierce County Domestic Violence Helpline, and the Pierce County Health Department along with other agencies to create a network to give the best service we are able to provide.

If you are interested in finding out more about us or want to schedule a presentation our email is [kpimpact@aol.com](mailto:kpimpact@aol.com), or mail to I.M. Pact Key Peninsula P.O. Box 58, Lakebay, WA 98349 or message phone (253)884-3899. We would like to hear from you.

For other projects on domestic violence please call the Family Resource Center and ask about the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Family Violence Prevention Project at 884-5433.

If you have specific questions about domestic violence you can call the Pierce County Domestic Violence Helpline at 798-4166. They will be glad to answer any questions you might have.





## YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society  
by Jim Nolan  
Phone: 851-4847

If you collect matchbook covers, build birdhouses, are a "rock-hound", then you probably have something in common with our seniors. You have a hobby! So we wondered what the over 60 crowd did for a hobby, and the results of this month's SENIOR SURVEY showed the voting as follows:

Playing Bridge - 5, Crocheting - 3, Reading - 3, Computer Games - 2, and Crossword Puzzles - 2. And the rest, with ONE vote each, were: Building Dollhouses, Making "Hide & Seek" Dolls, Fishing, Pinochle, Camping (on ocean beach a La Push), Golf, Painting, Surfing Internet, Dancing, Piano

& Organ playing, and finally Resting. It's evident this active group does much more than occupy a rocking chair and watch TV.

### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

The Pochels, Elizabeth and Ray departed our sunny (rainy?) clime in Mid-October for their usual winter stay in PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA. They'll be back in April 2000.

Don and Ruth Blackmore have been very busy the past weeks visiting the hospital in Tacoma daily, sometimes more than once, to see their son and daughter, both hospitalized with a serious malady called Crohn's disease. Fortunately, a new treatment has

come along and seems to be having the desired effect toward a cure. We're all praying for them. Incidentally, Don, as our VP presided over our October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting while President, Chuck and Pauline Williamson went to the ocean for an important meeting - they said.

Henry Stock donated a beautifully crocheted Afghan to be used as first prize in a Senior Raffle, which is in progress right now. Want a chance to win it? See a Senior and buy some tickets!

The Senior Society (KPSS) will have a booth at the Annual Craft Show on November 27<sup>th</sup> in the Civic Center. Check us out for some excellent values in crafts and products of our very top-notch seamstresses. And don't forget the Civic Center will be full of scores of other booths and tables on the 27<sup>th</sup>, so plan to be there for the 1999 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. Stop by and say hello.

Rose Malmgren provided cupcakes for the Rocky Bay Home for the month of October. Shirley Roper-Witt attended a couple of

meetings in October and we were all glad to see her again. She's been mostly stuck at home lately. The two Helen's - Hendricks and Wolniewicz - had a bit of bad luck last month. Helen Hendricks was missed for a couple of weeks due to cataract surgery resulting in a big black eye. But now she's back on Thursdays for lunch and reports she can now see the flag waving on the summit of Mt. Rainier. Helen Wolniewicz is currently confined to a convalescent home in Tacoma after a fall resulting in a broken hip and consequent surgery. Evie Stinson reports that Helen is doing nicely and is walking (carefully) again. Hope we'll see her by Thanksgiving.

Erma Dunn completed a trip back to her home country in northern Iowa - place called Britt. She saw relatives, attended her sister's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and visited some Amish colonies in that state.

Mavis Zacek, a long time member, officer and historian of KPSS, has also been confined to her home the last few months. Martha Applegate reports that Mavis is doing OK, but is just unable to make it to Thursday meetings. Bea Emil, so the rumor goes, is taking violin lessons since she was chosen to perform recently at a Boomtown, Nevada casino. (She had never played the fiddle).

The Bridge Club at Key Center recently surprised Henry Stock with a Birthday Party, for his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was complete with cake, candles, cards and song. The Club plays duplicate every Tuesday at the Key Center Library.

Helen Kasper gets phone calls from her twin granddaughters, each at different colleges in New York State.

Jim Blundell and Jim Nolan - KPSS members, who volunteer for the mentoring program at Vaughn Elementary School, recently were awarded a partial reduction in real estate taxes by the Peninsula School District, and had their pictures taken with other seniors from throughout the district.

Norman Storset has cousins in Norway who love to go ice fishing and Norm says they went recently to a far-north Norwegian lake, but didn't catch any fish because it took them 4 hours to chop a hole in the ice big enough to launch their boat. (P.S. to Norm, this is a big fat Swedish lie.)

That's it for now. See you next month...or at Senior Luncheon at 12:00 noon on Thursdays. There is no charge but it is a potluck lunch, and we would love to have ya'.

## NOVEMBER 1999 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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## New To This Area?

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for more information.



# 4-H Differences, "We Make A Difference!"

by Kevin Higgins

October was the start of the new 4-H year. Elections were held for our new club officers. Elliott Hedin is president, Jake Culum vice president, Hayley Wiltfong secretary, Holly Wiltfong treasurer and Kevin Higgins reporter.

We have two new projects and project leaders this year. A big thank you goes to volunteers Mr. Lockes and Mrs. Wizeski for leading archery and performing arts respectively. We really appreciate all our parent volunteers who lead our projects and help us run our club.

Another big thank you goes out to Angel Guild who sponsored our National Congress delegate Danielle Higgins and also our club

and its various projects. Danielle will be representing Washington State in Atlanta Georgia November 26-30, along with 9 other delegates from our state.

November 13 is the 4-H achievement program where members will receive their year pins and special recognitions for the past 4-H year. The event will be held at the 4-H camp in Shelton.

All projects are getting underway so if you have or know of a young person between the ages of 6-18 who would benefit from 4-H please contact Dave or Cheryl Wiltfong at 884-2752 for more information. We also appreciate adults who are interested in making a difference in the lives of youth by giving of their time and talents.

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National Congress 4-H delegate Danielle Higgins wearing the outfit she designed and constructed. She won first place in the State Fashion Revue Invitational to receive this honor.

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